

FINE NEW NOVEL BY AUTHOR OF "GUESTA BERLING" Selma Lagerloef, Novel Prize Winner, Again Awakens the Moods of Her Sweden

OTHER NEW FICTION

To many of us Sweden is simply a piece on the map, a land of cold winters and an summer in which the people partake of the unreal. Selma Lagerloef brings this land of the unknown clearly and really before our eyes.

Readers who do not fight shy of the epistolary type of fiction will find a tender, touching and very human story to reward the patient attention.

Do you remember the amazing "thrill" you experienced when you first read through the magic pages of "Under Two Flags" and "She" and "Treasure Island" and "The Three Musketeers" and "New Arabian Nights" and books like that?

"Wings of Danger" is an adventure story of that immortal old school. It is a tale of the wild lands of unknown Africa and of a quest for a lost city.

POETRY HAS PLACE AMONG GIFT-BOOKS

An Excellent Anthology of American Verse Among the Season's Offerings

Without doubt the most stately poetic issuance from any press in the last few months has been "The Little Book of American Poets" (Houghton-Mifflin, Boston), anthologized by that keen and well-read editor, Jessie Rittenhouse.

Less comprehensive, but quite as charming in its way, is the selection and compilation by Fitzroy Carrington of "The Quiet Hour," also issued by Houghton-Mifflin.

Alfred Noyes' newest book is out. Frederick A. Stokes has the responsibility, though one feels that to be unfair, Mr. Noyes, internationally popular and with the grace of utterance in his throat, should be allowed to write one May lyric a year.

Some of Mrs. Kathleen Norris' readers in San Francisco think that they can identify a number of the characters in her new novel, "The Story of Julia Page," with well-known residents of that city.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER LAGERLOF AT HOME

A First-hand View of the Swedish Author of "Jerusalem"

Henry Goddard Leach, secretary of the American Scandinavian Foundation, who contributed the preface to Verna Swanson Howard's translation of Selma Lagerloef's "Jerusalem" (Doubleday, Page & Co.), in a recent issue of the American Scandinavian Review tells of her visit to the home of the famous Swedish authoress in Mariakka, Vermont.

"She received me in the drawing room. Discussion of my visit to the 'Jerusalem' country in Dalecarlia led to a series of questions from Doctor Lagerloef about the religious situation in America and the reasons for our multitude of sects.

It is interesting to note that "The Harvester" and "Michael O'Halloran," both by Gene Stratton-Porter, were among the 14 books which the readers of the Continent voted as their favorites during the year 1915.

There were so many things the matter with the face of Isaac Meigs that the doctor who surveyed him didn't know where to begin.

But despite these drawbacks, Meigs showed that he was game. He was engaged in a terrific fight with a lonely lamp-post at 15th and Hamilton streets when a cop first discovered him.

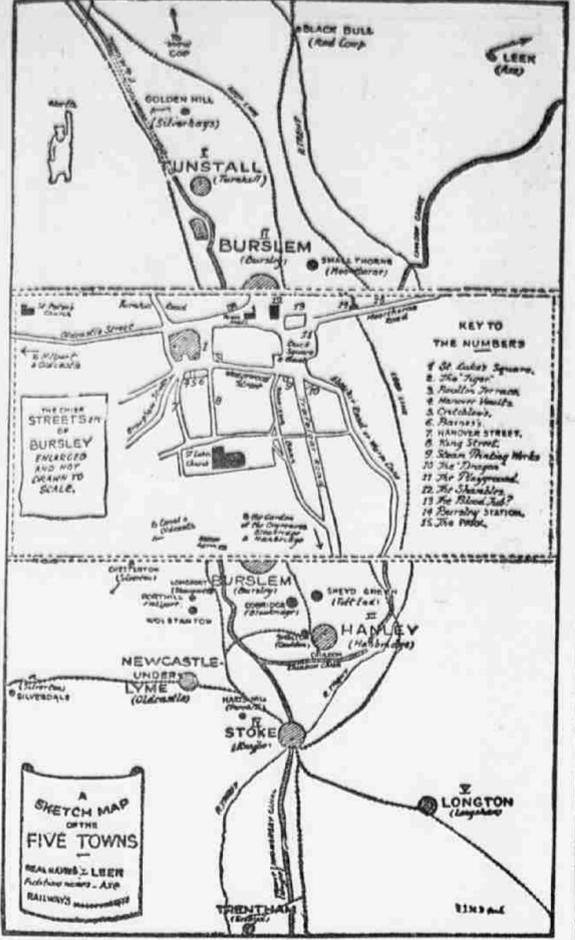
Thanks to the intervention of Mary Roberts Rinehart, the Blackfoot tribe is to be saved from imminent starvation.

Mrs. Arthur Gleason, who is just back from a year's ambulance service at the Belgian front and who figures as Hilda in her husband's best-selling "Young Hilda at the Wars," has just left New York for a visit in her home town, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Alfred Noyes, whose "Lord of Miracle and Other Poems" is recently published, is now in California on his lecture tour of the United States.

Gertrude Atherton has taken an apartment near Columbia University, New York, for the winter.

KEY TO ARNOLD BENNETT'S FIVE TOWNS



The above map of the "Five Towns," which figure in so much of Arnold Bennett's fiction, is taken from F. J. Harvey Darton's admirable volume on Bennett (Henry Holt & Co., New York). It will be of particular interest to readers of "These Twain," Bennett's new novel (George H. Doran Co., New York), which completes the story of Edwin Clayhanger and Hilda Lessways

CARTOONS AMONG XMAS NEW BOOKS

Punch, Dyson and Webster Supply Good Presentation Volumes

Each year books of cartoons are coming more into vogue as Christmas presents.

The most novel collection of cartoons issued this season is easily Will Dyson's "Kultur Cartoons," imported from England by the Page Company of Boston.

Webster's cartoons of juvenile joys and jests are bound up in an attractive quarto, "Our Boyhood Thrills" (George H. Doran Company, New York). These cartoons are good as well as clever, because the artist has spiritually identified himself with the post-Whittier's conception of the barefoot lad and put into simple line and few strokes an entire psychology.

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David Lloyd-George has been lifted from prominence in English politics by world-entirety by the war. It is wise to learn what manner of man this is who has been exalted by a crisis, to read and consider him in the light of his after-noon.

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Germany's Andersonville and Libby prisons are described briefly by H. G. O'Rourke, M. A., in "In the Hands of the Enemy" (Longmans, Green & Co., New York). Mr. O'Rourke was, until recently, a captain in the forces, somewhere in France, and had the misfortune to be taken prisoner.

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